encourage crime. The fact is that crime takes place according to the will, intent and deliberate plan of the criminal and the police have to find out, after the horse is stolen, how it was stolen. The question is always a matter of individual cases and merits. Government have been taking some special steps which I need not discuss here in public because that will help the criminals."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Are the Government aware that this increase in crime is due to the fact that the police and the subordinate officers are utterly neglecting their duties so far as preventive action is concerned? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The increase is not at all due to any administrative conditions existing now. The hon. Member should remember that economic conditions play a much greater part than anything else."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Is it not also true that crime has been on the increase since this Government came into power? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" This Government came into power in 1952 and this question is about the previous year's Administration Report."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" In his answer the Hon. the Chief Minister has told us that the economic condition of the people also plays its part in the increase of crimes. (The Hon. Sri C. Rajagopalachari : ' I said " much greater part " '.). Yes. If so, what steps have the Government taken, now that an economic crisis is on, to check the increase of crimes and also to prevent people from resorting to crime for solving their economic troubles? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" As I have already said, we are taking steps in regard to detection and prevention of crime, which, I said, for certain reasons we need not discuss here. As regards the economic condition of the people, the entire Budget debate was with respect to that and the Opposition is making a very reasonable offer to take over the Government, if possible." (Laughter.)

Payment of salary to Tanjore Veterinary staff.

* 228 Q.—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of Sri S. Ramalingam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state why the payment of salary to the Veterinary staff in Tanjore district for the months of June and July 1952 was delayed by two months?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The delay was due to there having been no qualified Accountant or Head Clerk in the office of the District Veterinary Officer, Tanjore, for the period from 23rd June 1952 to 5th July 1952 and 11th July 1952 to 14th August 1952. The matter was already examined by Government and the Director of Animal Husbandry has issued necessary instructions to see that no such delays occur in future."